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ble to determine whether it was *U. Americana*, Mitten or *U. Hutchinsiae*, Hammar. He condemns Braithwaite and Limpricht for following Lindberg in the "deplorable exhumation" and accuses the latter of reducing *U. Americana*, Mitten, to a synonym of *U. Americana*, Beauv., without seeing the specimens. Now according to the rules of nomenclature there need be no confusion in the matter, for if *U. Americana*, Beauv. is lost, and its value cannot be determined, then let *U. Hutchinsiae* stand, as it has, for the common European and American species, but do not take up the same name given by Mitten (1865), to another specimen; rather let Mitten re-christen his species and revise his opinion on its alliance. I have sent a portion of the same plants sent to Venturi to Mitten and await his verdict. I think the plants in question are *U. curvifolia*, (Wahl.).

E. G. B.

Vitality of Ferns. Theo. Holm. (Bot. Gaz. xvii. 56).

Proceedings of the Club.

MEETING OF APRIL 12TH, 1892.

The President in the Chair, and fifty-six persons present.

Miss M. L. Taylor, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Kellogg and Mr. Appleton P. Lyon were elected active members.

Dr. J. W. Barstow, of Flushing, Long Island, long an active member, was elected a corresponding member.

Dr. C. F. Millspaugh sent for exhibition a living specimen of *Carex Fraseri*, collected by Mr. L. W. Nuttall in southern West Virginia. This adds another to the few known localities of this interesting plant. Mr. Nuttall reports it as abundant, but subject to the depredations of some animal which eats the heads off before the fruit is mature.

Professor Edward H. Day delivered the announced paper of the evening on "Fern Gathering in Jamaica." The paper was copiously illustrated by lantern views and herbarium specimens.